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Division of Waste Management Calls for Grant Applications

Deadline April 2 for recycling, household hazardous waste

Frankfort, Ky. (Dec. 22, 2011) – The Energy and Environment Cabinet's (EEC) Division of Waste Management is accepting grant applications for projects that develop an integrated recycling infrastructure and offer public education programs on recycling and household hazardous waste management.

"The focus this year is to build on our previous grant award successes and reach out to those counties, cities and others to apply for the first time to either begin or expand a recycling program or plan a household hazardous waste collection event," said EEC Secretary Len Peters. "Education is always a vital component to the success of these programs, and grant funds are available to ensure active participation in both recycling programs and household hazardous waste collection events," added Peters.

Grant funding comes from the Kentucky Pride Fund and is underwritten by a \$1.75 per ton fee on municipal solid waste disposed of in Kentucky's contained landfills. Local governments, solid waste management districts, public schools, universities and colleges are eligible to apply. Priority is given to applicants for regional projects.

Applications must be postmarked no later than Thursday, March 29, 2012, or hand-delivered to the recycling assistance section of the Recycling and Local Assistance Branch before 4 p.m. EDT, Monday, April 2, 2012. The original of the entire application and any supporting documentation must be submitted in order for an application to be complete. Each grant requires a 25 percent local match.

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